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THREAT TO KILL LBJ IS CHARGED

Man in San Francisco Found with Notes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A charge of threatening to kill President Johnson was filed Friday by the secret service against Robert Beaty Fennell, 29, who claims membership in the Fair Play for Cuba committee.

That is the committee in which membership was claimed by Lee Harvey Oswald, who was accused of assassinating President Kennedy at Dallas.

A psychiatric examination was ordered for Fennell. He was arrested Thursday night in nearby Berkeley with notes in his pocket reportedly concluding:

"My immediate goal: the assassination of President Johnson."

The court-directed examination was requested by the United States attorney's office.

Federal officials said Fennell was in a mental hospital nearly four months at Cherokee, Iowa, in 1959.

Fennell, whose parents live at Sioux City, Iowa, picketed the municipal auditorium there in October. He carried signs urging permission to travel to Cuba and supporting intermarriage of races. Sioux City newsmen said he told them he belonged to the Fair Play for Cuba committee.

Tom Hanson, head of the secret service office in San Francisco, said Fennell had four copies of a note in his pocket when arrested in Berkeley and expressed intent to mail one to the White House.

He quoted the notes as reading:

"I'm increasingly sickened by the people's reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy. Nowhere have I read or heard—from moderate, left-or-right wingers—the underlying reason.

"Unless Americans accept their political responsibility and abolish the office of LEADER we shall continue to abolish leaders.

"My immediate goal: the assassination of President Johnson."

Fennell's father, J. E. Fennell, said in Sioux City his son got an honorable discharge from the Air Force five years ago. The father said his son was working on a ranch in Texas several hundred miles from Dallas when President Kennedy was slain Nov. 22.

Berkeley police came upon the notes in Fennell's pocket after he was picked up on a charge of vagrancy. He was found loitering at a street intersection.

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